

Palm Sunday 5th April 2020

Swimming gear ready for use

Michael Commane

When the restrictions were announced I thought I would never survive but I'm managing and in many ways getting accustomed to a life of leisure.

I have discovered the 'power of the priest'. I have been bowled over by the number of people who have offered me assistance. To all of you thank you, much appreciated and I'm greatly impressed.

Did we ever dream of something like this happening? Though I have been told by reliable sources such an eventuality was discussed by a number of large pharmaceutical companies and even our own Department of Health.

My mother passed on her nervous disposition to me. I can easily worry about things and at a time like this such a tendency is heightened or exaggerated. And it has been exasperated by a problem I have with water.

In early March Irish Water wrote to me telling me that on a 'recent' reading they discovered I am using 1,700 litres of water a day. Obviously a leak in a pipe. I contacted them immediately. After many calls I discovered that they read the meter back in August 2019. Contractors were to have come out last Monday but because of Covid-19 they cancelled.

On Friday Irish Water phoned and promised they'd be here ASAP. I keep worrying that the water is pouring out under my house. I'm not a bad swimmer and I have the swimming gear ready.

In Psalm 117 of Sunday's Morning Prayer there are these lines: "It is better to take refuge in the Lord/than to trust in men:/it is better to take refuge in the Lord/than to trust in princes."

Take good care of yourselves and keep doing what you are told. By doing so we are saving lives.

Stay safe.

Easter Competition for younger parishioners

Fr Paul would like to invite all our younger parishioners to draw/paint a picture for the Spring season – bees, butterflies, flowers, lambs, Easter eggs or any chosen subject.

There will be four age categories,
and prizes in each category:

Under 5s; 5-7; 8-11; 12-14

The closing date is Good Friday 10th April.

Please send your drawing via Whatsapp to

Jackie at 087 7422653,

And the winners will be announced

In the Easter Sunday newsletter

As the Government and health authorities have mandated a 'stay at home' policy, the Holy Week and Easter liturgies will be not be celebrated in Three Patrons, but will be transmitted via www.procathedral.ie

Palm Sunday

11.00 a.m. Mass

Monday to Wednesday 6th — 8th April

10.30 a.m. Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper 6.00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross 12 noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL

Saturday 9.00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

11.00 a.m. Mass

In Holy Week, the most reflective week in the Church's year, there will be two Trócaire interactive workshops online.

1. Prayer and Reflective Workshop

Monday, 6th April at 11.00am.

Please register with anna.keegan@trocaire.org and Anna will then send you the webinar link.

2. Laudato Sí/Caring for our Common Home

Wednesday, 8th of April at 11.00am.

Please register with jane.mellett@trocaire.org and Jane will then send you the webinar link.

Palm Sunday

Blessed Palms will be left in a basket
at the back of the Church,
after 10.00am on Palm Sunday.
Please help yourself

Daily Adoration is cancelled until further notice, but the Church will remain open from 10.00am – 6.00pm for personal prayer and visitation.

Coronavirus Prayers

God of healing, we pray especially for all who sustain us in these days: for medical professionals, for hospital chaplains, for staff in our shops, for those who keep our streets and places of work clean, and for our political leaders. We are in this together and together we entrust all these people to your special care.

God of love, we know that nothing matters more than the people in our lives. We ask your blessing on those we love. Give us your compassion, your patient love, that we may reach out to all who need our help, especially the most vulnerable.

God of Faith, we renew our faith in you, our loving Father. Show us how to live through this pandemic as people of faith. May this time of testing, be also a time of grace. Amen